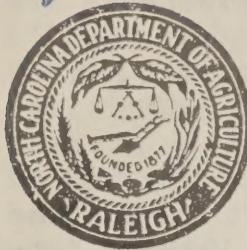


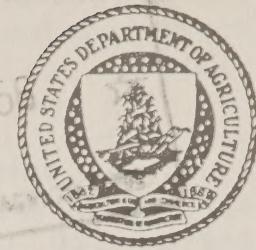
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## RECORD TAR HEEL CORN CROP

### Record Yield

A record North Carolina corn crop of 80,729,000 bushels is in prospect. This year's crop, if realized, will exceed the previous record 1950 crop by more than 6.5 million bushels. It will also exceed the 1955 crop of 70,-482,000 bushels by 15 percent, and the 10-year average production of 62,-535,000 bushels by 29 percent.

The record indicated yield of 41.0 bushels is 7 bushels above the previous record 1955 yield. Weather conditions during the growing and harvesting season in the eastern commercial producing counties have been quite favorable for corn. More than half of the State's production is produced in these counties, and the higher yields now being realized more than offset the relatively poorer crop in many of

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## N. C. PEANUT PRODUCTION INDICATED 49 PERCENT ABOVE 1955

Based on reports from growers as of October 1, peanut production is forecast at 303,800,000 pounds -- 49 percent above 1955. A crop of this size, if realized, will be the largest since 1951 when more than 322 million pounds were produced.

Yield per acre is indicated at 1,-550 pounds per acre, compared with 1,075 pounds in 1955 and 1,218 pounds for the 10-year average. Conditions throughout the growing season were mostly favorable for a good yield, especially in the heavy producing commercial counties of the Coastal Plains.

### UNITED STATES

The 1956 U. S. peanut production is estimated at 1,491,350,000 pounds. This compares with 1955 production of 1,564,530,000 pounds and the 10-year average of 1,809,520,000 pounds.

## N. C. TOBACCO ESTIMATES SHOW INCREASE

Based on information as of October 1 from tobacco growers, warehousemen, and other key members of the industry, production of 1956 tobacco in North Carolina will exceed that estimated a month earlier.

Production of flue-cured tobacco is now estimated at 891,500,000 pounds, up almost twenty-three million pounds, or about two and one-half percent, from the 868,550,000 pounds reported as of September 1. A crop of this size would be 9 percent less than last year. The largest contribution to the increase over September is expected to come from the Eastern Belt (Type 12) where present indicated yields have reached the astounding all-time high of 1,700 pounds per acre--up 75 pounds from the forecast of a month earlier. An increase in yields is also indicated for the Border Belt (Type 13) in which they are expected to average 1,625 pounds per acre as compared with the 1,600-pound estimate of September 1. Indicated yields of other types of tobacco in the State remain unchanged.

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## COTTON REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1956

The 1956 North Carolina cotton crop is forecast at 365,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight. This forecast is based upon reports from growers, ginners, and others throughout the cotton growing areas of the State. A crop of 365,000 bales would be 14,000 bales, or 4.0 percent, above the 351,000 bales harvested last year and 92,000 bales less than the 10-year (1945-54) average.

The October 1 lint yield per acre is estimated at 389 pounds, compared with 350 pounds last year and the 10-year average yield of 321 pounds.

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## CORN (Continued)

the Piedmont and mountain counties where prolonged dry weather reduced yields.

### UNITED STATES

U. S. corn production is forecast at 3,369,102,000 bushels. This compares with 1955 production of 3,241,536,000 bushels. The average U. S. yield per acre is estimated at 43.4 bushels.

## N. C. HAY PRODUCTION

### MOVES SLIGHTLY HIGHER

Based on reports from growers as of October 1, production from the 1956 "All Hay" crop is now estimated at 1,257,000 tons -- 10,000 tons less than 1955 and is just 5,000 tons below the 1945-54 average. Production estimated in tons is as follows: Alfalfa 176,000; Clover Timothy 117,000; Lespedeza 407,000; Soybean 92,000; Peanut 144,000; Grain 200,000; and other kinds 121,000.

Hay yield per acre by kinds on October 1 is estimated in tons as follows: Alfalfa 2.10; Clover Timothy 1.15; Lespedeza 1.00; Soybean 1.15; Peanut .80; Grain 1.10; and other kinds 1.10.

Harvest of most kinds of hay is complete, although some acreage of lespedeza, soybean and peanut hay remain to be harvested.

### UNITED STATES

U. S. hay production is estimated at 110,383,000 tons compared with 112,782,000 tons last year.

## N. C. SOYBEAN PRODUCTION FORECAST

A record 8,316,000 bushels of soybeans is forecast as of October 1. A crop of this size will exceed the 1955 production by more than 3 million bushels and will also exceed the previous record 1951 production by slightly more than 3 million bushels.

Yield is indicated at 21.0 bushels compared with 15.5 bushels in 1955 and is 4.0 bushels above the previous record. The soybean crop is mostly good to excellent in the commercial producing Coastal Plains area where weather conditions were very favorable during the growing season.

### UNITED STATES

U. S. soybean production is estimated at 470,064,000 bushels with an average yield of 22.4 bushels.

## TOBACCO (Continued)

By types the current prospects are as follows: For Type 11 (Middle and Old Belts) production is placed at 295,100,000 pounds at a yield of 1,300 pounds per acre. This would be about 12 percent short of the 334,050,000 pounds produced in 1955 and four percent under the 306,828,000 pounds for the 1945-54 ten-year average. At a 1,700 pound yield, Type 12 production is expected to reach 479,400,000 pounds, which would be seven percent less than the 515,125,000-pound production for 1955, but nine percent more than the 438,150,000-pound ten-year average. Border belt Type 13 production, estimated at 117,000,000 pounds and yielding 1,625 pounds to the acre, falls under last year's 129,600,000-pound production by 9.7 percent but exceeds the ten-year 107,702,000-pound production by 8.6 percent.

Burley tobacco for the State at an estimated production of 17,640,000 pounds shows a decrease of 5.3 percent from last year's 18,620,000 pounds and is short of the ten-year average by about the same amount. The current burley yield is placed at 1,800 pounds per acre or at the same level expected a month ago.

### UNITED STATES

For the United States, total flue-cured tobacco production is estimated at 1,329,370 pounds. This is a little over 10 percent less than the crop for last year but almost five percent larger than the ten-year average. The Nation's burley crop is placed at 489,543,000 pounds or four percent more than was produced last year.

## N. C. SWEETPOTATO PRODUCTION PROSPECTS IMPROVE

The State's sweetpotato production, as of October 1, indicates slight improvement from September 1, and is now estimated at 2,640,000 cwt. compared with 2,400,000 cwt. in 1955 and 2,739,000 cwt. for the 10-year average. October 1 prospects point to an average yield of 66 cwt. per acre, compared with 60 cwt. in 1955 and 59 cwt. for the 10-year average. Showers during the last week of August and extending into the first week of September were beneficial to the crop.

### UNITED STATES

Estimated U. S. sweetpotato production at 16,277,000 cwt. is 22 percent less than 1955 production of 20,946,000 cwt.

## GRAIN STOCKS ON N. C. FARMS ABOVE LAST YEAR

Grain stocks on N. C. farms on October 1, 1956 were higher than on the same date last year for all grains. Corn (old crop) and barley stocks were 76 and 60 percent, respectively, above last year. Wheat stocks were 43 percent above last year and oat stocks were up 30 percent.

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## COTTON (Continued)

With the exception of the rains associated with Hurricane Flossy, weather conditions during September were almost ideal for picking cotton. Rains and wind associated with Hurricane Flossy damaged the crop in some areas. Yield prospects are much higher in the Coastal Plains than in the Piedmont. The current crop in the Piedmont was sharply reduced by prolonged dry weather and boll weevils.

## UNITED STATES

For the United States, the October 1 forecast of 13,268,000 bales is 153,000 bales above the September forecast. A United States crop of 13,268,000 bales, if realized, would be 1,453,000 bales below the 1955 crop. Details of the report, by States, follow:

## RECORD

## N. C. SEPTEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

Based on reports from producers, the September egg production is estimated at 129.3 million, a new high for the month and about 21 million above the 1955 previous record high production. The September 1956 production represents an increase of about 2.6 million eggs from August. The increase in egg production for September is attributed to an increase in number of hens and pullets of laying age per farm. Production per 100 layers is estimated at 1,401, which is the highest of record for the month, exceeding the old record high for September of 1955 by about 7 percent.

## N. C. SORGHUM GRAIN UNCHANGED

The 1956 sorghum grain production is estimated at 2,240,000 bushels and is unchanged from the September forecast. The indicated yield per acre of 28.0 bushels is the same as last year. If this yield is realized, production will be about one quarter million bushels below 1955. This year's acres for grain is estimated at 80,000 acres compared with 89,000 last year.

## UNITED STATES

U. S. production is estimated at 165,031,000 bushels. This compares with 241,100,000 bushels last year.

State	Acreage	Oct. 1 Condition			Lint Yield Per Acre			Production (500#) 2/			Gin-nings to Oct. 1
	for harvest 1956	Aver-age 1945-1954	1955	Indi-cated 1956	Aver-age 1945-1954	1955	Indi-cated 1956	Aver-age 1945-1954	1955	Indi-cated 1956	
	1/										
	(1000)			(Percent)			(Pounds)			(Thousands Bales)	
N. C.	450	71	69	83	321	350	389	457	351	365	117
S. C.	677	68	73	75	301	375	369	656	572	520	280
Ga.	845	68	81	73	252	376	347	675	701	610	377
Tenn.	540	73	84	82	359	523	520	564	623	585	259
Ala.	965	70	92	72	281	478	381	880	1,045	765	433
Miss.	1,595	71	93	81	340	570	507	1,656	2,023	1,685	916
Mo.	370	75	83	90	367	502	545	362	410	420	223
Ark.	1,365	70	87	79	339	545	531	1,382	1,663	1,510	624
La.	560	70	79	83	336	454	506	586	582	590	374
Oklahoma	705	57	78	46	154	281	187	356	463	275	78
Texas	6,250	69	74	68	194	281	266	3,518	4,039	3,460	1,639
N. Mex.	179	88	88	94	526	688	751	237	266	280	39
Ariz.	357	91	82	95	656	981	1,143	559	728	850	105
Calif.	745	92	91	96	659	774	844	1,164	1,205	1,310	53
Others	3/ 58	-	-	-	284	383	356	47	50	43	13
U. S.	15,661	72	82	77	283	417	407	13,098	14,721	13,268	5,535

1/ Sept. 1 estimate. 2/ Production ginned and to be ginned. A 500-lb. bale contains about 480 net pounds of lint. 3/ Virginia, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, and Nevada.

**UNITED STATES**

**ESTIMATED ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION OF CROPS, OCTOBER 1, 1956 WITH COMPARISONS**

CROPS	UNIT	ACREAGE (IN THOUSANDS)		YIELD (IN UNITS)		PRODUCTION (IN THOUSANDS)	
		Average 1945-54	Harvested 1955 <i>L/</i>	Indicated 1956	Average 1945-54	1955	Indicated 1956
Corn, All	Bu.	83,260	79,900	77,596	37.1	40.6	43.4
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	47,810	33,660	35,372	18.3	20.9	20.4
Wheat, All	Bu.	67,192	47,255	50,466	17.1	19.8	19.3
Oats	Bu.	38,912	39,138	35,427	34.1	38.3	38.3
Barley	Bu.	10,443	14,553	12,867	26.6	27.5	27.5
Rye	Bu.	1,714	2,092	1,724	12.5	14.2	12.7
TOBACCO: Flue-Cured	Lbs.	1,049.2	990.7	880.2	1,214	1,497	1,510
Burley	Lbs.	447.0	310.4	311.9	1,310	1,514	1,570
All Types	Lbs.	1,726.1	1,496.7	1,379.8	1,236	1,467	1,498
Cotton	<i>L/</i>	22,060	16,928	15,661	283	417	407
Sorghum Grain	-	7,460	12,839	11,362	18.6	18.8	14.5
Irish Potatoes, All <i>4/</i>	Cwt.	1,525	1,414	1,402	149	161	173
Sweetpotatoes <i>4/</i>	Cwt.	378.4	341.4	286.8	52.8	61.4	56.8
Soybeans, Alone All Purposes	-	14,279	19,710	21,959	20.0	-	-
Soybeans, For Beans	Bu.	12,698	18,668	20,953	-	19.9	22.4
Peanuts, Alone All Purposes	-	2,902	1,898	1,868	-	-	-
Peanuts, Picked & Threshed	Lbs.	2,387	1,691	1,509	790	925	988
HAY: All	Tons	74,382	75,549	75,595	1.39	1.49	1.46
Alfalfa	Tons	18,941	28,432	29,719	2.19	2.08	2.05
Clover & Timothy	Tons	20,910	16,566	15,316	1.41	1.46	1.39
Lespedeza	Tons	6,046	4,063	4,425	1.03	1.16	1.06
Pasture, Condition	%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peaches, All	Bu.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apples, Commercial <i>5/</i>	Bu.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pears, All	Bu.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapes, All	Tons	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pecans, All	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Improved Varieties	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wild & Seedlings	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-

*1/ Revised -- based on 1954 Census and other data.  
 2/ Yield per acre in lbs. -- Production in 500 lb. gross weight bales.  
 3/ Production in bales of 500 pounds gross weight.*

*4/ Averages 1949-54.*

*5/ Excludes Sweet Clover and Lespedeza Hay.*

*6/ Estimates of the commercial crop refer to total production of apples in commercial apple areas of each state.*

*7/ For some states in certain years production includes some quantities unharvested on account of economic conditions.*

# NORTH CAROLINA

## ESTIMATED ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION OF CROPS, OCTOBER 1, 1956 WITH COMPARISONS

CROPS	UNIT	ACREAGE (IN THOUSANDS)			YIELD (IN UNITS)		PRODUCTION (IN THOUSANDS)				
		Average 1945-54	Harvested 1955 <u>1/</u>	Indicated 1956	Average 1945-54	1955	Indicated 1956	Average 1945-54	1955	Indicated 1956	
Corn, All	Bu.	2, 188	2, 073	1, 969	28.6	34.0	41.0	62, 535	70, 432	80, 729	
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	392	319	354	17.9	21.5	25.5	7, 028	6, 858	9, 027	
Oats.....	Bu.	348	460	478	31.4	33.0	40.0	10, 964	15, 180	19, 120	
Barley.....	Bu.	40	59	59	28.5	28.0	37.0	1, 166	1, 652	2, 183	
Rye.....	Bu.	21	24	28	12.8	13.5	14.5	271	324	406	
TOBACCO:	All.....	lbs.	710.4	662.8	590.8	1, 229	1, 505	1, 539	871, 285	997, 395	909, 140
	Type 11.....	lbs.	272.1	255.0	227.0	1, 129	1, 310	1, 300	306, 828	334, 050	295, 100
	Type 12.....	lbs.	341.3	317.0	282.0	1, 238	1, 625	1, 700	438, 150	515, 125	479, 400
	Type 13.....	lbs.	85.8	81.0	72.0	1, 258	1, 600	1, 625	107, 702	129, 600	117, 000
	All Flue-Cured.....	lbs.	699.2	653.0	581.0	1, 499	1, 534	1, 534	852, 680	978, 775	891, 500
	Type 31, Burley.....	lbs.	11.2	9.3	9.8	1, 650	1, 900	1, 800	18, 605	18, 620	17, 640
Cotton.....		<u>2/</u>	631	480	450	321	350	389	<u>3/</u> 457	<u>3/</u> 351	<u>3/</u> 365
Sorghum Grain.....		-	26	39	30	26.2	28.0	28.0	675	2, 492	2, 240
Irish Potatoes, All <u>4/</u>		Cwt.	48	37	36	26. -	28.0	28.0	3, 430	3, 766	3, 766
Sweetpotatoes <u>4/</u> .....		Cwt.	46.5	40.0	40.0	59	60	66	2, 739	2, 400	2, 640
Soybeans, Alone All Purposes.....	Bu.	-	386	430	516	15. -	15.5	21.0	4, 049	5, 063	3, 316
Soybeans, For Beans.....	Bu.	-	263	327	396	204	204	204	-	-	-
Peanuts, Alone All Purposes.....	Bu.	-	258	198	196	1, 218	1, 075	1, 550	286, 900	204, 250	303, 800
Peanuts, Ricked and Threshed.....	lbs.	-	244	190	196	1, 218	1, 075	1, 550	-	-	-
HAY:	All.....	Tons	1, 253	1, 154	1, 145	1.01	1.10	1.10	1, 262	1, 267	1, 257
	Clover and Timothy <u>5/</u> .....	Tons	105	105	102	1.12	1.20	1.15	118	126	117
	Alfalfa.....	Tons	48	80	84	2.04	2.10	2.10	95	168	176
	Lespedeza.....	Tons	505	391	407	1.02	1.05	1.00	518	411	407
pasture, Condition.....	%	-	-	-	-	-	-	76	61	71	
Peaches, All.....	Bu.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1, 559	<u>Z/</u> 40	840	
Apples, Commercial <u>6/</u> .....	Bu.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1, 239	10	1, 500	
Fears, All.....	Bu.	-	-	-	-	-	-	133	10	67	
Grapes, All.....	Tons	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7	1.1	1.4	
Fecans, All.....	Tons	-	-	-	-	-	-	350	2.5	2, 600	
Improved Varieties.....	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	2, 004	2, 100	
Wild & Seedlings.....	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	249	500	

1/ Revised -- based on 1954 Census and other data.

2/ Yield per acre in Lbs. -- Production in 500 Lb. gross weight bales.

3/ Production in bales of 500 Lb. gross weight.

4/ Averages 1949-54.

5/ Excludes sweetclover and lespedeza hay.

6/ Estimates of commercial crop refer to total production in commercial apple areas.

7/ 1955 crop almost a complete failure because of spring freeze.

## N. C. PECAN CROP ABOVE AVERAGE

Production of pecans is expected to reach 2,600,000 pounds, compared with the short crop of 350,000 in 1955 and the 10-year average of 2,254,000. Early season prospects pointed to a smaller production, but as the season advanced production prospects improved. The 1956 production is estimated to be 2,100,000 pounds from improved varieties and 500,000 pounds from seedlings. The estimated production by states is shown in the table below.

### OCTOBER 1 ESTIMATED PECAN PRODUCTION, BY STATES

State	1955	Indicated 1956
	<u>1,000 Pounds</u>	<u>1,000 Pounds</u>
N. C.	350	2,600
S. C.	200	5,000
Ga.	10,000	53,400
Fla.	10,900	5,000
Ala.	8,000	22,000
Miss.	10,000	12,800
Ark.	7,950	6,000
La.	25,000	12,000
Okla.	33,000	10,000
Texas	38,000	27,500
N. Mex.	3,460	3,500
U. S.	146,860	159,800

## N. C. APPLE PRODUCTION ESTIMATE UNCHANGED

Based on reports from growers as of October 1, the estimated 1956 commercial apple crop for North Carolina is unchanged from the 1,500,000 bushel estimate a month earlier. The expected production is 21 percent above the 1945-54 average of 1,239,000 bushels. In 1955 production was almost nil due to an early spring freeze.

### UNITED STATES

U. S. 1956 production is estimated at 94,938,000 bushels compared with 106,234,000 bushels last year.

## N. C. HONEY PRODUCTION ABOVE LAST YEAR

Honey production for 1956 amounted to 4,048,000 pounds. The year's output is 16.4 percent above the 3,477,-000 pounds production for 1955 because of much more favorable weather for honey production. In 1955 bee colonies suffered quite severely from the late March freeze, and the concurrent scarcity of nectar-producing flowers made recovery difficult. Many colonies had to be fed artificially, and some produced only enough honey from late flowers to carry them over the following winter. In 1956 conditions were much better, and the increased production came from four percent fewer colonies -- an estimated 176,000 as compared with 183,000 for 1955.

UNITED STATES: The 1956 honey crop is estimated at 213,719,000 pounds -- 16 percent less than last year's crop. This year's honey crop is being produced by 5,315,000 colonies of bees -- about the same number as in 1955. Honey production per colony averaged 40.2 pounds, which compares with 47.7 in 1955, and the 1950-54 average of 43.6 pounds. In mid-September, producers had about 83 million pounds of honey on hand for sale -- about 39 percent of the estimated 1956 production.

### 1956 HONEY PRODUCTION Selected States

State	Colonies Of Bees	Honey Production	Honey For Sale In Producer's Hand Sept. 15, 1956
	(1000)	(1000 Lbs.)	(1000 Lbs.)
N. C.	176	4,048	972
Del.	3	78	31
Md.	28	784	376
Va.	143	3,718	1,301
W. Va.	115	1,840	368
S. C.	52	1,040	229
Ga.	211	4,220	928
Fla.	248	17,360	5,208
U. S.	5,315	213,719	83,460

## WEATHER SUMMARY, SEPTEMBER 1956

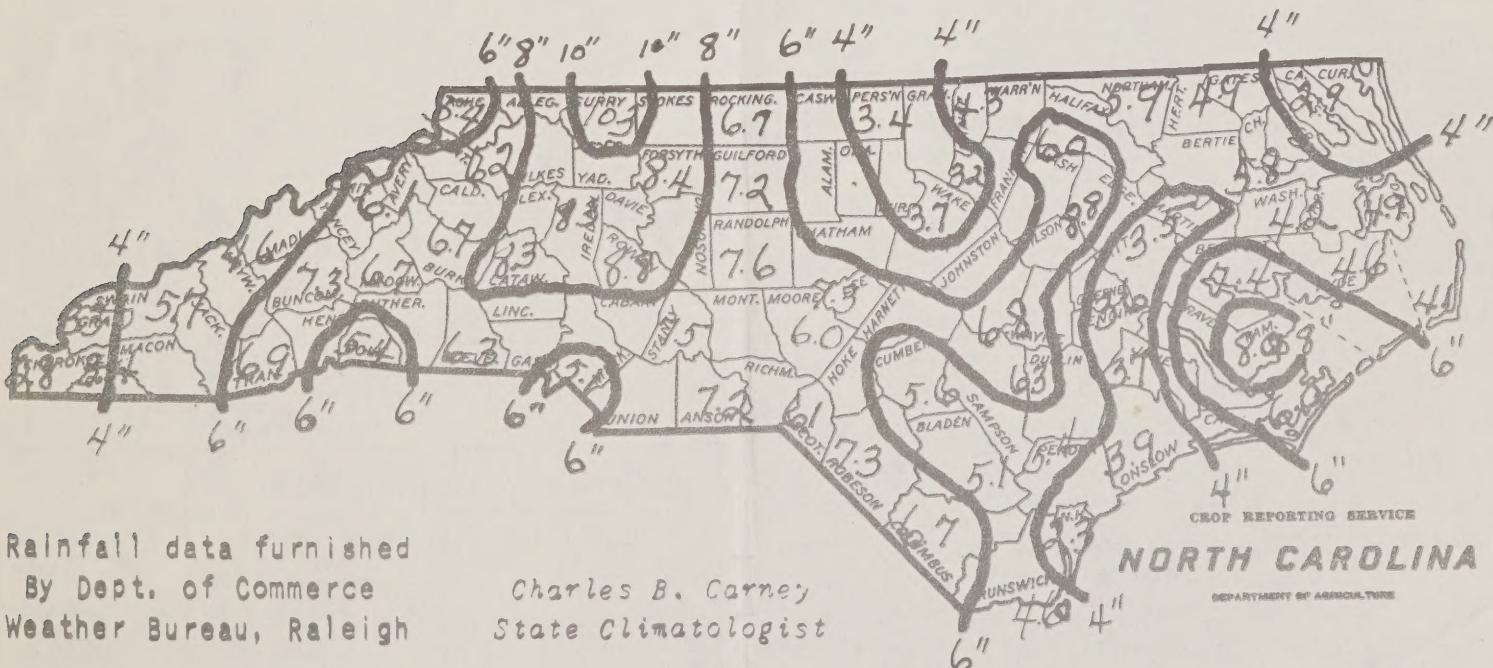
Tropical storm Flossy was the most important single weather event during September in North Carolina. Prior to its arrival, the month had been mostly fair, with a great deal of sunshine, and light to moderate winds. When Flossy approached the central Gulf Coast on September 24, heavy clouds moved over North Carolina; the storm center moved slowly northeastward, requiring four days to cross Georgia and the Carolinas, arriving near Norfolk, Virginia, on the 28th. During this period, cloudy, windy, rainy weather prevailed over North Carolina; even after the storm center had passed cloudy weather continued. Very little sunshine was seen in North Carolina during the last seven days of September.

Temperatures rose and fell rather sharply several times during September. Ninety degree readings were recorded near the first of the month and again near the fifteenth, when some of the hottest weather of the entire summer occurred. On the other hand, the mercury dropped into the forties around the tenth and 21st; some stations in North Carolina reported the morning of the tenth as the coolest observed during many years of

record for so early in the fall season. Prior to Flossy's arrival, the ups and downs of temperature had about averaged out to normal for the time of year, but the heavy cloudiness of the last seven days, along the north winds, caused cool weather both day and night, to bring the month's average below normal in all sections of North Carolina.

Thundershowers occurred frequently in North Carolina during the first week of September, but they were mostly light and widely scattered, and most of the State had less than an inch of rain during the seven day period. Then a long dry period set in during which even thundershowers were rare; some stations had no rain from the 8th through the 23rd, and most of the State had no more than one or two showers in that period. With the arrival of tropical storm Flossy on the Gulf Coast, however, rain began over southwestern North Carolina, and as the storm moved northeastward it spread over the entire State. Rain fell daily--and in some sections nearly continuously--from the 24th through the 28th, bringing September totals to normal or higher over most of the State.

## INCHES OF RAINFALL FOR SEPTEMBER, 1956



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## LET'S FACE THE FACTS

On Monday, October 29, beginning at 1:00 p.m., the "Today On The Farm" network originating over Station WUNC-TV will present a film "Face The Facts". The "Today On The Farm" program, with A. M. Wilkinson as MC, is carried also by the following TV stations.

WFLB-TV at Fayetteville  
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WTVD-TV at Durham

"Face the Facts" is a four-minute film prepared by Agricultural Marketing Service which illustrates one of the many ways in which current agricultural statistics are used by farmers in planning their everyday operations. This same film has previously been shown over WFMY-TV at Greensboro and WLOS-TV at Asheville. All readers who have not seen the film on the Greensboro or Asheville stations should make an effort to see it on October 29, if they are in reach of any of the above mentioned stations.

## GRAIN STOCKS (Continued)

### GRAIN STOCKS ON N. C. FARMS ON OCTOBER 1

Crop	1955	1956
	<u>1,000 Bushels</u>	<u>1,000 Bushels</u>
Corn 1/.....	2,455	4,325
Wheat.....	3,155	4,514
Oats.....	8,804	11,472
Soybeans 1/.	15	25
Barley.....	859	1,375
Rye.....	211	231

1/ Old Crop.